

Governor's Mansion
100 Madison Street
Jefferson City
Cole County
Missouri

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Location: 100 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Cole County,
Missouri
USGS Jefferson City, Missouri quadrangle

Present Owner: State of Missouri

Present Occupant: governor of Missouri

Present Use: executive mansion

Significance: Serving as the home of Missouri's governors since 1871, the executive mansion has considerable political significance. It is also a fine example of Second Empire architecture in Missouri, designed by noted St. Louis architect George Ingham Barnett.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of construction: 1871
2. Architect: George Ingham Barnett (1815-1898)

Born in Nottingham, England, Barnett was educated and trained in architecture under Sir Thomas Hine in London. He immigrated to the United States in 1839 and opened an office in St. Louis, where he practiced for 50 years. He was one of Missouri's first professionally trained architects.

3. Original and subsequent owners: The building has always been owned by the state of Missouri.
4. Builder: Gottlieb Martin, Jefferson City, MO
5. Alterations and additions: The porte cochere and south entrance were added between 1900 and 1904. The fireplace in the entrance hall was replaced between 1905 and 1909 after damage to the original by fire. A kitchen wing was added between 1937 and 1941. The interior was modernized in 1938, 1956, and the 1960s and 1970s. The exterior brick was returned to its original red color in the early 1970s after having been painted white for many years.

- B. Historical Context: The present governor's mansion replaced one which stood slightly to the south of it. The Missouri state legislature appropriated \$50,000 in April 1871 for construction of a new executive residence. The final cost of the building was \$74,960, a figure which included payment for some of the furnishings. It was completed in December 1871. The red granite columns supporting the front portico were donated by the first governor to occupy the new building, B. Gratz Brown, who had them quarried from his property in Iron County, Missouri. The Missouri governor's mansion was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in May 1969.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement: The three-bayed, three story governor's mansion is a notable contribution to Missouri's Second Empire style buildings. It is in very good condition.
- B. Description of Exterior:
1. Foundation: stone
 2. Walls: brick, with stone quoins
 3. Porch: Red granite Corinthian columns support a front portico.
 4. Doors: The walnut entrance doors are hand-carved and each weigh approximately 2000 pounds. They are hung on their original hinges.
 5. Roof: mansard
- C. Description of Interior:
1. First floor: The first floor contains an entrance hall, double reception parlors, library, dining room, sun porch, butler's pantry, and kitchen. Ceilings are 19 feet high.
 2. Second floor: The second floor, traditional living quarters for Missouri's first family, has seven rooms and three bathrooms.
 3. Third floor: The third floor, also used as living space, has four bedrooms and a ballroom running the width of the house.
- D. Site: Standing on the northwest corner of Madison and Capitol Streets, the mansion faces southeast and is situated on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River to the northeast and east. The house is located one block from the Capitol and across the street from the Cole County Historical Society.

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